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## SOURCE

The following observations were made in WEIMAR (M SI/J 57):

1. Former Wannenberg Kaserne on Eitersburgerstrasse and on "Herren-  
roedchen": Infantry units totaling about 2,000 troops, mostly  
recruits. The troops observed in the kaserne were 18 to 22  
years of age and wore black-bordered, red epaulets. The truck  
identified there. About 1,000 troops with red-  
bordered, black epaulets of other units had left the kaserne for  
maneuvers.
2. Former Riek Kaserne on Eitersburgerstrasse: Artillery unit of  
about 200 men. Six 76.2-mm antiaircraft guns were emplaced at  
the large drill ground west-northwest of the kaserne. The  
guns were well-camouflaged and pointed toward south and south-south-

3. Former Luetzendorf Kaserne on Eitersburgerstrasse, "Am Herren-  
roedchen" and on Luetzendorferstrasse:

a. One hundred to one hundred and fifty man rear detail of  
an artillery unit which was away on maneuvers. Sixty 76.2-mm  
antiaircraft guns, pointing west and north-west, were being  
emplaced 1,000 to 1,500 feet north of the gas works during the  
night of 3-4 Sept 1949. The guns later fired several rounds.  
A mesh field wire was constructed by about 50 troops, leading  
from the antiaircraft gun emplacement to the Luetzendorf Kaser-  
ne.

b. An about 100-man rear detail of a signal unit, which (with  
about 400 men) had left for maneuvers. Reels with field wire  
were loaded on four trucks, including one with [REDACTED]

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c. A 150-man rear detail of a motor transport unit, which had also left for maneuvers.

d. A hospital unit.

4. former Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz Allee and Lueperstrasse: A signal unit of about 600 men. Only a few recruits were observed with this unit. The large garage of the Kaserne was chiefly occupied by motor vehicles of the WEIAR army headquarters. The following

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truck of the signal unit

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passenger cars of the WEIAR army headquarters.

5. Other observations:

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a. A general using the staff car [redacted] was billeted at 3a Carl Alexander Allee.

b. Soviet civilians departed from WEIAR at an increased rate. About 75 percent of the houses on "Am hypothekenhäuschen" had been vacated.

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Comment: The report, [redacted] indicates that the loss of the WEIAR units was still away on maneuvers in mid-August 1949. Besides numerous recruits in the former Tannenberg Kaserne (probably the training center of the 57th Gds 1st Rifle Div?) and rear details in the other Kasernes, only units which are directly assigned to the Eighth Gds Army headquarters (including the signal unit in the former Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz-Allee) are believed to have remained in the WEIAR Post. According to another source [redacted] about 2,000 troops returned to the WEIAR post from maneuvers on 2 September 1949\*. These troops were probably Eighth Gds Army motor transportation units (including the 257th Motor Trans Bn), [redacted]

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